

**Call between Federal Reserve Staff and
the Department of Justice – Antitrust Division
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Summary: Staff from the Federal Reserve had a call with staff from the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division (DOJ) to discuss the Board's proposed rule to implement the interchange fee and network exclusivity and routing provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Staff from DOJ described an old Visa operating rule that generally prohibited merchants from waiving the entry of a PIN for non-Visa PIN debit transactions initiated with a Visa-branded card. Staff from DOJ noted that Visa voluntarily rescinded this rule prior to the conclusion of DOJ's investigation and replaced it with a rule requiring banks to notify their cardholders that the transactions not authenticated by a PIN or signature might be processed via a PIN-debit network, rather than Visa.